

MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Tuesday, September 19, 2006 9:00 a.m. Room 307 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative Nofs, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Nofs, Proos, Emmons, Garfield, Huizenga, LaJoy, Palsrok, Stahl, Baxter, Moore, Schuitmaker, Dillon, Aceavitti, Mayes, Hunter, Hopgood, Clemente, Gillard. (18/19)

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Rep. Drolet. (1/19)

Representative Stahl made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of September 13, 2006, supported by Representative Accavitti. No objections being offered, a unanimous ballot was cast to accept the minutes as presented.

The Chair laid HB 6456 before the Committee.

HB 6456 Nofs Communications; cable; regulation of competitive cable service providers; provide for.

Representative Palsrok made a motion to adopt HB 6456 (H-1), supported by Representative Dillon.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Nofs, Proos, Emmons, Garfield, Huizenga, LaJoy, Palsrok, Stahl, Baxter, Moore, Dillon, Accavitti, Mayes, Hunter, Hopgood, Gillard. (16/19)

Nays: None. (0/19)

Pass: Representative Clemente. (1/19) (16/0/1)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Chair Nofs discussed changes reflected in HB 6456 (H-1).

The following individuals spoke to the Committee regarding HB 6456:

Jennifer Greenburg, representing the Telecommunications Association of Michigan, in support

Paul Fuglie, representing Verizon, in support

David Bertram, representing the Michigan Townships Association, in opposition

Joe Fivas, representing the Michigan Municipal League, in opposition

David Condit and Craig Anderson, representing AT&T, in support

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Representative Hunter made a motion to excuse absent members, supported by Representative Accavitti. No objections being offered, absent members were excused.

The Chair announced that the Committee would stand at ease, the time being 11:17 a.m.

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 11:19 a.m.

Discussion of HB 6456 continued.

Chair Nofs stated that the Committee would stand in recess and reconvene following House session, the time being 11:30 a.m.

Chair Nofs reconvened the meeting at 4:55 p.m. in room 519 of the House Office Building.

The following individuals spoke to the Committee regarding HB 6456:

Colleen McNamara, representing the Michigan Cable Telecommunications Association, neutral on the bill

Tim Ransberger, representing Charter Communications, neutral on the bill

Larry Handley, representing the Communications Workers of America, in support

Cards for HB 6456 were submitted by:

Ken Fletcher, representing the Michigan AFL-CIO, in support

Jon Koeze, representing the City of Grand Rapids, in opposition to two provisions in the bill

Eric Rule, representing the Michigan Retailers Association, in support

Kenneth Cole, representing the City of Detroit, in opposition

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Nofs declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 5:10 p.m.

Representative Mike Nofs, Chair

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Proposed